

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

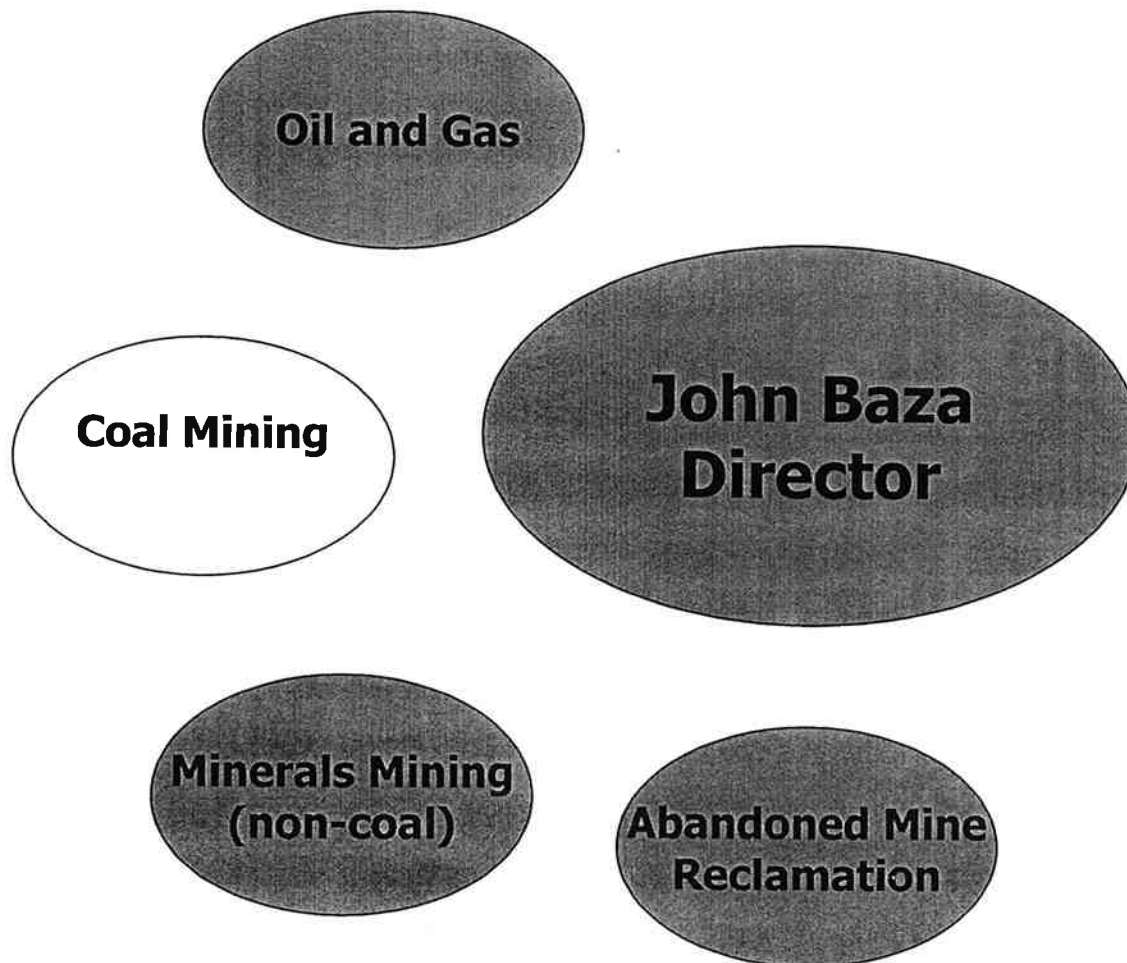
Its role and responsibilities
relative to mining

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The Division issues permits and ensures industry compliance and site restoration to protect the public's interest, health, safety, and the environment while facilitating oil, gas, and mining activities

Regulatory Basis

- Federal Law: PL 95-87 (SMCRA) as of August 3, 1977
- Federal Regulations: 30 CFR
- State Statute: 40-10 et seq (UCA) (Utah Coal Mine Reclamation Act)
- State Regulatory: R645 (UAC)

Federal Relationship

- Primacy: Utah obtained “permanent program” from Department of Interior/Office of Surface Mining (OSM) in 1981
- Cooperative Agreement: 30 CFR Part 944. This allows Utah to permit coal mining and reclamation operations on federal lands. Signed in 1987.

Regulatory Processes

- Permitting: hydrologic impact; reclamation requirements; remediation of subsidence effects; assessment of soils, vegetative, and other surface impacts
- Bonding
- Inspection and compliance

Interagency Coordination

- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands
- Utah State Historic Preservation Office
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
- Utah Division of Water Rights

